

2SSB 6581 - S AMD 430

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. 2005 c 488 s 330 (uncodified) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

6 Watershed Plan Implementation and Flow Achievement (06-2-003)

7 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
8 conditions and limitations: \$12,000,000 of the appropriation is
9 provided solely for projects and water right acquisitions to support
10 watershed planning efforts and achieving instream flows subject to the
11 following project types, conditions, and limitations:

12 (1) Up to \$1,353,172 of the appropriation is provided to improve
13 irrigation efficiency and to achieve associated flow improvements in
14 the Twisp and Methow rivers by providing for cleaning and lining and/or
15 piping of 30,943 linear feet of the irrigation canal within the lower
16 (downstream) seven miles of the Methow Valley irrigation district's
17 west canal. Of this amount, up to \$100,000 is provided for a neutral
18 independent consultant to provide management assistance to the Methow
19 Valley irrigation district for purposes of identifying structural and
20 operational improvements to increase overall system water use
21 efficiency.

22 (2) Up to \$200,000 of the appropriation is provided for a portion
23 of the costs of the project level environmental impact statement for
24 the Ahtanum creek watershed restoration program, including construction
25 of the Pine Hollow reservoir, provided there is agreement among the
26 Yakama nation, Ahtanum irrigation district, and other jurisdictional
27 federal, state, and local agencies and entities to proceed with the
28 environmental impact statement.

29 (3) Up to \$75,000 of the appropriation is provided to formalize the

1 Ahtanum creek watershed restoration program, including identification
2 of site specific habitat improvement projects and determination of the
3 most appropriate restoration program alternative to implement.

4 (4) Up to \$1,500,000 of the appropriation is provided to reduce
5 diversions from the Dungeness river through pipeline projects
6 identified in the Dungeness river comprehensive irrigation district
7 management plan. For at least one year from the effective date of this
8 section, while the parties seek resolution of the court action filed in
9 Thurston county superior court, No. 04-2-00078-2, none of these funds
10 may be allocated to any projects in the Dungeness river basin that are
11 within the area that is the zone of contribution for ground and surface
12 water infiltration to the existing Graysmarsh wetland.

13 (5) \$100,000 of the appropriation is provided solely to the city of
14 Normandy Park to implement the basin plan for the Miller/Walker and
15 Salmon creek basins.

16 (6) Water storage grants for the development of plans, engineering
17 and financing reports, acquiring lands and facilities, and other
18 preconstruction activities associated with the development of water
19 storage and groundwater storage and recovery projects. Proposed
20 projects should be consistent with the recommendations of the water
21 storage task force. The department of ecology would issue grants in
22 consultation with the departments of agriculture and fish and wildlife.

23 (7) Infrastructure improvement projects and other water management
24 actions that benefit stream flows and enhance water supply to resolve
25 conflicts among water needs for municipal water supply, agriculture
26 water supply, and fish restoration. The stream flow improvements and
27 other public benefits secured from these projects should be
28 commensurate with the investment of state funds.

29 (8) Projects for planning, acquisition, construction, and
30 improvement of agriculture water supply facilities and achieving water
31 conservation and water use efficiency improvements.

32 (9) Financial assistance to purchase and install water measuring
33 devices at points of diversion and withdrawal. Preference would be
34 given to fish-critical basins, to areas participating in the department
35 of fish and wildlife fish screening and cooperative compliance
36 programs, and to basins where watershed planning has determined
37 additional water diversion and withdrawal information is needed.

1 (10) Funding for acquisition of either water or water rights, or
2 both, for instream flow achievement and establishment of water
3 accounts. The appropriation is provided for either the purchase or
4 lease, or both, of water rights. It is also provided for the purpose
5 of improving stream and river flows in fish critical basins under the
6 trust water rights program under chapters 90.42 and 90.38 RCW.

7 (11) The department shall provide small grants to watershed
8 councils that have completed watershed plans. The grants are intended
9 to support periodic meetings of the councils so that they can monitor
10 the implementation of watershed plans.

11 (12) \$250,000 of the state building construction account--state
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2007 is provided solely to the department
13 of ecology to work with interested parties to study instream flows in
14 the Hanford Reach and their impact on the ecological condition of the
15 Hanford Reach especially as it relates to the needs of salmon and
16 steelhead in the Hanford Reach. The department shall submit to the
17 office of the governor and to the appropriate fiscal and policy
18 committees of the legislature a report of its findings by July 1, 2007.

19 Appropriation:

20	State Building Construction Account--State	\$12,000,000
21	Prior Biennia (Expenditures)	\$0
22	Future Biennia (Projected Costs)	\$48,000,000
23	TOTAL	\$60,000,000"

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24 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
25 remainder of the title and insert "a study of the instream flows of the
26 Hanford Reach; and amending 2005 c 488 s 330 (uncodified)."

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